



## **CABINET DECISION NOTICE**

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At a meeting of Special Cabinet held on the 21st February 2024 the following matters were discussed. The decisions of Cabinet are set out below each item along with reasons for the decision and other options considered.

**Present:** Councillor Jackson (in the Chair)

Councillors Cracknell, Dawkins, Harness, Shepherd, Shreeve and S Swinburn.

### **DN.90 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received for this meeting.

### **DN.91 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interests made from Members with regard to items on the agenda for this meeting.

### **DN.92 COUNCIL PLAN REFRESH**

Cabinet considered a report from the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Net Zero, Skills and Housing presenting the council plan refresh prior to Full Council.

#### **RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL –**

- 1. That the content of the refreshed Council Plan outlined in Appendix A of this document now submitted be agreed.**
- 2. That the refreshed Council Plan be referred to Full Council for approval and adoption.**
- 3. That the refreshed Council Plan be referred to all Scrutiny panels for information.**

REASONS FOR DECISION – The Council Plan is a North East Lincolnshire Council policy framework document, approved by Full Council in February 2022. Amendments to the plan must be approved by Full Council.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – Council may choose not to adopt the refreshed plan. However, this option would mean that the published plan does not reflect current activity, and there is a lack of visibility around the Council's planned activity and progress.

## **DN.93 BUDGET, FINANCE AND BUSINESS PLAN 2024/26 2026/27**

Cabinet considered a report from the from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets presenting the Budget, Finance and Business Plan 2024/25 – 2026/27 for consideration prior to Full Council.

### **RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL –**

- 1. That the 2024/25 Budget and summary 2024/25 – 2026/27 Medium Term Financial Plan ('MTFP') contained within Appendix 1 (Annex 4) of the report now submitted, be approved.**
- 2. That a 2.98% increase in Council Tax in 2024/25 be approved.**
- 3. That the application of a 2% Adult Social Care precept in 2024/25 be approved.**
- 4. That a provision from 1st April 2024 that in the case of empty homes an additional 100% premium can be levied on properties that have been empty for 12 months or more, be approved.**
- 5. That the business plans contained within Appendix 1 (Annex 1) of the report now submitted, be approved.**
- 6. That an annual organisation wide uplift in fees and charges (where permissible by law) in line with the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) or any official index replacing it or to ensure full cost recovery, where appropriate, be approved.**
- 7. That the Capital Investment Strategy included within Appendix 1 (Annex 3) of the report now submitted, be approved.**
- 8. That the 2024/25 - 2026/27 Capital Programme set out in Appendix 1 (Annex 2) of the report now submitted, be approved.**
- 9. That the Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Policy included within Appendix 1 (Annex 7) of the report now submitted, be approved.**

- 10. That £250k be made available from transformational funds to Environmental Services/Street Scene, with particular focus on Grimsby Town Centre and Cleethorpes resort, allocated as follows:**
- **£150k for a “hit squad” approach to street scene**
  - **£100k grounds maintenance**
- 11. That there be a review of options in respect of service design, delivery and investment across the resort management, events management and visitor economy agenda.**

REASONS FOR DECISION – The Council must determine how it is to operate within the forecast financial resources over the medium term. To comply with its legal obligations, the Council must set a balanced budget for 2024/25 and provide a realistic financial forecast for the medium-term financial planning period.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED –

1. Option appraisals have been undertaken in setting the budget.
2. A range of options have been considered when considering service delivery within defined financial resources to support the delivery of the Council’s outcomes.